


REMARKS

In an Office Action dated February 3, 2006, the Examiner allowed Claims 8 and 10-12, and rejected Claims 1-7, 9 and 18. Claims 1-7 and 18 were rejected over the prior art, under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103, and Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In order to expedite an allowance of this application, Applicants are herein canceling all of the rejected Claims 1-7, 9 and 18. Also, Claims 13-17, which were withdrawn from consideration because of an earlier Restriction Requirement, are being cancelled. This leaves only the allowed Claims 8 and 10-12 remaining in the application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a continuation and/or divisional application to continue the prosecution of the subject matter of the cancelled Claims 1-7, 9 and 13-18.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance, a notice of which is requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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